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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) -

[\[http://www.esisac.com\]](http://www.esisac.com)

1. *May 22, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Prudhoe Bay spill of 4,200 gallons of oil, water contained.** A tank at a Prudhoe Bay processing center in Anchorage, Alaska, operated by BP, overflowed May 21. An estimated 4,200 gallons of crude oil and oily water, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) said in a report May 22. The spilled oil and water were contained in the area by an impermeable liner and did not leach out, and the overflow stopped, the DEC said. The mishap occurred at Flow Station 2, a BP processing facility on the North Slope to separate oil, natural gas, and water. Instruments and valves used to control the level of fluids in the tank malfunctioned somehow. An alarm went off, and a BP worker checking it discovered the spill, said a BP spokesman.
Source: <http://www.adn.com/2012/05/22/2476038/prudhoe-bay-spill-of-4200-gallons.html>
2. *May 22, Power Engineering* – (Michigan) **Worker injured after explosion at DTE coal-fired power plant.** One worker suffered minor injuries after an explosion in a coal bunker at DTE Energy's 1,400 megawatt coal-fired power plant in St. Clair, Michigan. The explosion happened May 20 and was currently under investigation May 22. A company spokesman said the plant's fueling system was temporarily shut down following the explosion, and one of six generating units was taken out of service. A second generating unit was already shut down for maintenance, while the remaining four continued operating. Electricity service was not interrupted to customers.
Source: <http://www.power-eng.com/articles/2012/05/worker-injured-after-explosion-at-dte-coal-fired-power-plant.html>
3. *May 21, WFLX 29 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Oil truck tank bursts spilling fuel onto road.** One lane of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard and Australian Avenue in West Palm Beach, Florida, was blocked after an oil-truck tank burst, spilling fuel into the roadway May 21. According to a West Palm Beach spokesman, 275 gallons of oil spilled from the tank. The department of environmental protection and West Palm Beach Fire Rescue crews responded and cleaned the intersection.
Source: <http://www.wflx.com/story/18574733/oil-spill-closes>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *May 23, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **4 hospitalized after being exposed to chlorine.** Four Georgia Gulf contract employees were recovering after being exposed to chlorine at a chemical and vinyls plant in Plaquemine, Louisiana, May 22. A Georgia

Gulf spokesman said the four were near a railcar when the chlorine was being offloaded, but they were not the ones handling it. He said things were quickly brought under control, and there was no need for road closures or evacuations. The four employees were sent to the hospital.

Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/18601433/4-hospitalized-after-being-exposed-to-chlorine>

5. *May 23, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **WBR evacuation lifted, U.S. 190 reopened.** The mandatory evacuation for residents in a 1-mile radius around the Air Liquide Speciality Chemicals plant in Port Allen, Louisiana, has been lifted and U.S. 190 has been reopened in both directions, a Louisiana State Police (LSP) spokesman said. The road reopened and the evacuation was lifted mid-morning, May 23, a day after more than 500 fires ignited amongst thousands of acetylene gas cylinders at the plant. The conflagration led officials to evacuate about 250 people, as well as some businesses, and to shut down a 14-mile stretch of U.S. 190. Although emergency officials are still cleaning up the wreckage left behind from the fire, it is safe for residents to go back home and for motorists to travel near the site, the LSP spokesman said.

Source: <http://theadvocate.com/home/2907897-77/wbr-evacuation-lifted-us-190>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *May 22, Cape Cod Times* – (Massachusetts) **Condenser issues prompt Pilgrim shut down.** The Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts, was manually shut down May 22 while at reduced power during a condenser cleaning operation, a federal nuclear official said. During the cleaning the condenser began to lose vacuum and the reactor was shut down. Resident inspectors with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission did not identify any safety concerns or performance issues, a spokesman said, adding that they would follow the company's efforts to troubleshoot the problem. Once the cause is found and any necessary repairs are made the plant will be brought back online, an Entergy spokesman said.

Source:

<http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120522/NEWS11/120529920/-1/NEWSMAP>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *May 23, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **DOD pledges action against suspect electronics.** A planned U.S. Defense Department initiative would bolster efforts to prevent armed forces hardware from incorporating off-brand components from China, the Washington Times reported May 22. May 22, a Defense Department spokesman said the Pentagon is “working very hard to try to sort this issue out, and take steps to further strengthen our supply chain.” In a related move, the department finalized instructions in March aimed at laying the groundwork for a formal initiative to target illicit defense components. Bolstering transparency mandates for companies hired by the government is the goal of a collaborative effort by the White House and Pentagon, the spokesman added.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/defense-department-pledges-action-against-fake-defense-electronics/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *May 22, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas; Mississippi) **Richardson man known as ‘Handsome Guy Bandit’ pleads guilty in string of bank robberies.** A bank robber dubbed the “Handsome Guy Bandit” for the latex mask he wore during heists has admitted his role in a spree of 11 bank robberies in Texas in 2011. He pleaded guilty May 22 to charges of brandishing a firearm during or in relation to a crime of violence and one count of using, carrying, and brandishing a firearm during or in relation to a crime of violence, according to the U.S. attorney’s office. The spree ended in December 2011 when authorities said the man walked into a Compass Bank in Richardson, Texas. Richardson officers pulled up just as he exited the bank. He opened fire on the squad car, shattering the windshield, and escaped. He turned up the next morning in Jackson County, Mississippi, where he led authorities on a chase that ended when the sheriff shot out his tire. He also committed robberies in Dallas, Plano, and Irving.

Source: <http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2012/05/richardson-man-known-as-handsome-guy-bandit-pleads-guilty-in-string-of-bank-robberies.html/>

9. *May 22, Dow Jones Newswires* – (International) **Treasury says Belarus’s CredexBank is money-laundering concern.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury May 22 named a Belarus-based bank as a “primary money-laundering concern,” a step that could cut off its access to the U.S. financial system. JSC CredexBank’s uncertain ownership, business activities and customers put U.S. financial institutions at risk, Treasury said. Treasury made the designation under Section 311 of the USA Patriot Act. The under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, in a call with reporters, said the announcement puts U.S. banks on notice to assess any exposure they have to Credex and takes steps to protect themselves. Treasury also has proposed measures to prohibit U.S. banks from conducting most transactions with Credex, cutting off access to the U.S. financial system. He said Credex had engaged in “highly

suspicious” transactions, but did not say that the bank had violated any sanctions, or name any individuals who might be behind its operations.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2012/05/22/treasury-says-belarus-credexbank-is-money-laundering-concern/>

10. *May 22, IDG News Service* – (International) **Banking malware spies on victims by hijacking webcams, microphones, researchers say.** A new variant of SpyEye malware allows cybercriminals to monitor potential bank fraud victims by hijacking their Web cams and microphones, according to security researchers from Kaspersky Lab May 21. SpyEye is a computer trojan that specifically targets online banking users. Like its older cousin, Zeus, SpyEye is no longer being developed by its original author but is still widely used by cybercriminals. SpyEye’s plug-in-based architecture allows third-party malware developers to extend its original functionality, a Kaspersky Lab malware researcher said. This is exactly what happened with the new Web cam and microphone spying feature, implemented as a SpyEye plug-in called flashcamcontrol.dll, he said. As suggested by the DLL’s name, the malware accesses the two computer peripherals by leveraging Flash Player, which has Web cam and microphone control functionality built in. Under normal circumstances, users get prompted to manually allow Web sites to control their computers’ Web cam and microphone via Flash. However, the SpyEye plug-in silently whitelists a list of online banking Web sites by directly modifying Flash Player configuration files.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9227387/Banking_malware_spies_on_victims_by_hijacking_webcams_microphones_researchers_say

11. *May 22, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida; International) **Feds bust multi-million dollar identity theft ring.** Homeland Security investigators said they found a laptop computer, a credit card reader, and other evidence in the southwest Miami-Dade, Florida home of a man accused mastermind of a multi-million dollar identity theft ring stretching from south Florida to Canada and eastern Europe, WFOR 4 Miami reported May 22. A federal agent said the man made tons of phony credit cards out of his home — realistic even down to the foil markings on the back of the card. Agents said he made the cards with thousands of stolen credit card numbers purchased from criminal groups in Canada and Eastern Europe. It is believed the stolen numbers were acquired through a myriad of ways, including home break-ins and through large scale rip-offs of data. The federal agent said the man had his employees buy prepaid gift cards with the phony credit cards, which made it more difficult to trace his operation. She said those gift cards were then sold at a discount online. Investigators believe the operation made at least \$4 million. When the feds searched the man’s house, they found small bags crammed full of fraudulent credit cards and a hard drive with a trove of credit card numbers. Federal investigators said the man pleaded guilty to the charges.

Source: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2012/05/22/exclusive-feds-bust-multi-million-dollar-identity-theft-ring/>

12. *May 22, Reuters* – (National) **Man ordered to pay ex-partners \$35 mln.** The founder of a hedge fund was found May 22 to have defrauded his former partners and was ordered to pay them \$35 million. The man, a one-time JPMorgan Chase & Co trader,

was ordered by a Delaware Court of Chancery judge to compensate his partners for their contributions to starting Paron Capital Management LLC and for lost future earnings. According to the May 22 36-page opinion, the partners left lucrative jobs at financial firms in 2010 and teamed up with the defendant to market his quantitatively based trading program, which was producing returns of 25-38 percent. Less than a year after founding Paron, the two learned the defendant had forged account statements and investment statements and had hidden personal debts. Accounts the defendant claimed held \$24 million in fact held \$40, according to the judge. “Many of the representations [he] made about his track record, employment history, and personal financial situation were outright lies,” the judge wrote. The defendant filed for bankruptcy in California in February. The partners are also looking to collect from Rothstein, Kass & Co, and Yulish & Associates, which had performed independent audits of the man’s track record.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/22/hedge-fund-ruling-idUSL1E8GMKLO20120522>

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Transportation Sector

13. *May 23, North Andover Eagle-Tribune* – (Massachusetts) **Odors bring hazmat response on Methuen/Dracut line.** More than 50 employees were evacuated from Con-way Freight in Dracut, Massachusetts, May 22, after employees smelled a chemical odor in a trailer that just arrived at the facility, police and fire officials said. The Massachusetts State HAZMAT team investigated a chemical smell released from several boxes in a trailer outside the main building. Three Con-way employees were taken to a medical center for evaluation and possible decontamination as a precaution. Fire officials said they were released and returned to work. A deputy fire chief said there were two chemicals in three boxes that were of concern because they are very hazardous. One was phenyl mercaptan, a chemical used in pesticides and to give odor to natural gas, among other uses. The other was chromium trioxide, a red solid used in chrome plating.
Source: <http://www.eagletribune.com/local/x1968168418/Odors-bring-hazmat-response-on-Methuen-Dracut-line>
14. *May 23, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Manalapan school bus driver with suspended license crashes into lamp post with 37 kids onboard.** A school bus loaded with elementary school students was being driven by a woman with a suspended license when it slid off of a Monmouth County, New Jersey road and crashed into a lamp post and tree, police and school officials said May 22. None of the 37 students en route to the Lafayette Mills School in Manalapan was injured, said a Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Schools superintendent. The bus driver suffered minor cuts and was fired from her job, said the superintendent. She was also found to have several bench warrants out for her arrest in addition to a suspended license. The accident prompted the district to conduct new background checks for bus drivers, the superintendent said in a letter to parents posted on the district’s Web site. The status of all drivers will be reviewed on a quarterly, rather than an annual, basis.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/05/manalapan_school_bus_driver_with_suspended_license_crashes_into_lamp_post_with_37_kids_onboard.html

15. *May 22, WFTS 29 Tampa* – (Florida) **Power outage at radar center in Jacksonville causes delays at Tampa International Airport.** A power outage at the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Air Route Traffic Control Center in Hilliard, Florida, caused delays at Tampa International Airport (TIA) in Tampa, Florida, May 22. According to the FAA, the radar that tracks high altitude flights over north Florida, south Georgia, South Carolina, and the Gulf Coast lost power May 21. Even though power was restored to the radar, the outage caused residual delays. Six flights at TIA were cancelled and several others were delayed.

Source: http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_tampa/power-outage-at-radar-center-in-jacksonville-causes-delays-at-tampa-international-airport

16. *May 22, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Part of Big Bend Road and U.S. 301 shut down after fertilizer truck overturns - Tampa Bay Times.** A semitrailer truck hauling fertilizer overturned and shut down part of Big Bend Road and U.S. 301 in Tampa, Florida, for several hours, May 22. The truck made a left turn too quickly and fell on its side, spilling the fertilizer on the road, the Florida Highway Patrol said. The right two lanes of southbound U.S. 301 and the right-most lane of westbound Big Bend Road were blocked off following the accident. The truck driver was unharmed and was cited for failure to use due care, the patrol said.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/transportation/roads/part-of-big-bend-road-and-us-301-shut-down-after-fertilizer-truck-overturns/1231383>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *May 22, Eureka Times-Standard* – (California) **APD detains arson suspect.** Arcata, California detectives detained an unidentified woman May 21 after she allegedly confessed to setting a fire inside a post office lobby and attempting to set fire to a vehicle. Officers responded to a fire at the Arcata Post Office May 20, according to an Arcata Police Department (APD) press release. They found paper and debris was set on fire inside the lobby, the release said. A passerby noticed the fire and extinguished the flames using a fire extinguisher. The Arcata Fire Department responded and put out the remaining fire. The lobby received minor fire damage to two walls as well as smoke damage, the police department said. May 21, the police department received a report of a person putting a lit cigarette into the fuel tank of a parked vehicle. Officers later located a woman who matched the suspect's description and she confessed to setting both fires.

Source: http://www.times-standard.com/breakingnews/ci_20681022/apd-detains-arson-suspect

Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *May 23, Food Safety News* – (Maryland) **Maryland first State to ban arsenic in poultry feed.** Maryland's governor signed a bill May 22 banning arsenic in poultry feed, making his State the first to have a law against the practice on the books. The new law, which takes effect January 1, 2013, prohibits the use, sale, or distribution of commercial feed containing arsenic and specifically mentions two Pfizer drugs that contain arsenic: Roxarsone, which the company voluntarily withdrew from the market in 2011, and Histostat, which is still on the market. The move followed a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) study released the summer of 2011 that found increased levels of inorganic arsenic in the livers of chickens treated with Roxarsone. The new data raised concerns of a "very low but completely avoidable exposure to a carcinogen," said the FDA's deputy commissioner for foods, when FDA announced the company was withdrawing the drug in response to the study's findings. FDA said the arsenic levels found in their poultry study are low enough that consumers are not at risk eating poultry while Roxarsone is phased out of use in the United States.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/maryland-first-state-to-ban-arsenic-in-poultry-feed/>
19. *May 23, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Missouri farmers battling 'flash drought'.** Missouri climatologists and farmers are calling it a "flash drought" — a quick burst of dry heat that is parching plants and threatening the State's crops. "It's rapidly emerging across the state," said the University of Missouri extension's State climatologist May 22. "It started in the Bootheel, but over the past, two or three weeks, much of Missouri has seen negligible rain. We've had a lot of above-normal temperatures, low humidity and lots of sunshine. The moisture has just evaporated out of the vegetation." The conditions threaten the State's vulnerable, young corn crop, and could mean a tough summer for all crop producers, as well as cattle ranchers and dairy farmers. "If it stays dry for the next two to three weeks, we're going to see some die-offs," the climatologist said. Temperatures across Missouri were 4 to 6 degrees above normal and rainfall south of Interstate 70 is below normal for the first half of May. The Bootheel is already experiencing moderate to severe drought, but those conditions are creeping northward. This could be the second summer in a row farmers in the State have struggled with dry weather. In 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture designated 101 Missouri counties natural disaster areas because of drought conditions. The loss to the State's grain farmers was an estimated \$350 million, with corn farmers losing roughly 24 million bushels of yield and soybean farmers about 20 million. Cattle ranchers were particularly hard hit because grassland and hay were in short supply.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/business/agriculture/missouri-farmers-battling-flash-drought/article_c19ebf34-a456-11e1-a624-0019bb30f31a.html
20. *May 22, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (Nevada) **Nevada firm recalls lasagna product due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** West Best Foods, Inc., a Las Vegas establishment, recalled about 13,776 pounds of lasagna products because of misbranding and an undeclared allergen. The product contains soy, which is

an allergen that is not declared on the label, the U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service announced May 22. The products subject to recall are: 24-pound cases of “WEST BEST FOODS INC LASAGNA WITH MEAT SAUCE” and 24-pound cases of “WEST BEST FOODS INC DELUXE BEEF LASAGNA.” The products were produced between April 13 and May 21 and were distributed to hotels and one distributor in Las Vegas. The problem was discovered during a routine food safety assessment and may have occurred as a result of a change in an ingredient formulation used in the products.

Source:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_033_2012_Release/index.asp

21. *May 22, WTAM 1100 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Quarantine to protect Ohio’s walnut trees.** In an effort to protect the walnut trees of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Agriculture proposed an exterior State quarantine regulating the transportation of walnut products from areas of 12 other States to prevent the introduction of Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD) to Ohio’s walnut trees, WTAM 1100 AM Cleveland reported May 22. TCD primarily affects black walnut trees, as well as other species of walnut, and is caused by a fungus transported by the walnut twig beetle. TCD was first found in Colorado in 2003 and has since been detected in 11 other States. These States include parts of Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. Walnut materials originating from infested counties within these States will be regulated under the exterior State quarantine. The quarantine would restrict walnut materials from entering Ohio from areas where TCD has become established.

Source: [http://www.wtam.com/cc-](http://www.wtam.com/cc-common/news/sections/newsarticle.html?feed=122520&article=10145480)

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22. *May 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Northwest) **Pacific Coast Fruit Company recalls single side serving processed salads for potential Listeria monocytogenes contamination.** Pacific Coast Fruit Company of Portland, Oregon, voluntarily recalled multiple types of bagged processed salads based on the potential contamination of Listeria monocytogenes, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported May 22. Pacific Coast Fruit utilized a portion of the salads that were recalled by River Ranch in some of its retail and food service processed bagged salad. Pacific Coast recalled products were distributed to Fred Meyer, Avanti, and Evergreen in Oregon and in Washington State, Alaska, and Idaho.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm305123.htm>

23. *May 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Salinas firm initiates a voluntary recall because of possible health risk.** Taylor Farms Retail, Inc. initiated a voluntary recall of Organic Baby Spinach with the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella following a random test conducted on a finished package of spinach by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported May 22. The items subject to the recall include: Private Selections Organic - Baby Spinach which was distributed in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Also included in the recall is Marketside Baby Spinach -

Organic which was distributed in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm305203.htm>

24. *May 22, Reuters* – (International) **Earthquake hits cheese production in northern Italy.** The earthquake that struck northern Italy will affect production and export of some of the area's most internationally famous items — Parmigiano Reggiano and Grana Padano cheeses, Reuters reported May 22. National farmers' group Coldiretti estimated damage to agriculture in the area, one of Italy's most fertile and productive zones, at more than \$250 million. Some of the worst damage was to the production of Parmigiano Reggiano, also called Parmesan cheese, and Grana Padano. Some 300,000 wheels of Parmigiano Reggiano and 100,000 of Grana Padano, each weighing about 88 pounds, were damaged when they fell off shelves in warehouses where they were undergoing the 2-year-long seasoning process. Coldiretti said some 10 percent of the production of Parmigiano Reggiano and 2 percent of Grana Padano was affected by the quake.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/22/italy-quake-food-idUSL5E8GM9XG20120522>

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Water Sector

25. *May 23, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Moore's Mill water main repaired, road still closed.** Crews completed repair work on a broken water main May 23 in northwest Atlanta, however Moore's Mill Road remained closed May 23, a department of watershed management spokeswoman said. She expected it to reopen by May 24. The incident marked the second time watershed management crews had been at the Moore's Mill site in recent days. Previously, a break closed the street on one side of the Peachtree Creek bridge, and crews stopped the leak so the road could reopen. Then, when the city increased water pressure, another break opened up on the opposite side of the bridge, and the street again was closed.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta/moores-mill-water-main-1443751.html>

26. *May 22, Shelby Star* – (North Carolina) **Rain blamed for 24,000-gallon sewer spill.** About 24,000 gallons of sewage spilled into Hickory Creek during a heavy rain May 17, the Shelby Star reported May 22. The City of Shelby, North Carolina, corrected the sanitary sewer overflow, which was due to a severe rain event, the same day, said a city news release. The wastewater was discharged into the creek in the Broad River Basin. It was reported to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality.

Source: <http://www.shelbystar.com/news/sewer-64369-shelby-spill.html>

27. *May 22, Robertson County Times* – (Tennessee) **EPA reprimands Springfield.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has notified Springfield, Tennessee, it is in violation of the Clean Water Act and immediately must fix its sewer system, the Robertson County Times reported May 22. The municipality has 5 years to reconstruct

and free its sewer of overflows caused by rainwater, roots, grease, and other blockages. Thousands of dollars in fines by the EPA will likely follow and property owners will have to spend money to correct problems that have been identified with their private sewers, said the water utility director. The Springfield Board of Mayor and Alderman approved a \$6 million, 5-year plan to correct the problems. The director said any time there is an overflow into the sewer system, raw sewage discharges into the county's creeks and rivers. The EPA enforcement action also requires the city to develop a capacity, management, operation, and maintenance plan.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20120523/ROBERTSON01/305230061/EPA-reprimands-Springfield>

28. *May 22, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **New Mexico says jet fuel spill could be larger.** A 40-year-old jet fuel spill threatening Albuquerque, New Mexico's water supply could be as large as 24 million gallons, or twice the size of the oil spill from the Exxon Valdez, environment officials said May 22. They previously estimated the spill from Kirtland Air Force Base to be 8 million gallons, however, a state geologist recently estimated it could be up to three times larger. The head of the New Mexico Environment Department's resource protection division called the newest calculation a "first-order estimate" based on new data from Air Force monitoring wells. He emphasized the calculations have not been reviewed, and said no one will really know how large the spill is until it has been remediated. He was confident the spill can be cleaned. The leak was discovered in 1999. In 2007, the Air Force found the fuel had reached the water table and was moving off the base, beneath Albuquerque neighborhoods and toward the city's water wells. Officials believe no contamination will reach city wells for at least 5 years, and the Air Force removed about 400,000 gallons with hopes that broader remediation targeting the largest concentration of the spill could begin in summer 2012.

Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/news/2012/may/22/new-mexico-says-jet-fuel-spill-could-be-larger-ar-1935589/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *May 22, Wisconsin Department of Health Services* – (Wisconsin) **Health officials urge residents to seek pertussis vaccine.** With summer camps and other programs for children starting in the next few weeks, State health officials are urging Wisconsin residents to seek pertussis vaccinations, according to a Wisconsin Department of Health Services release issued May 22. Wisconsin is experiencing a widespread outbreak of the disease, with 1,514 confirmed and probable cases to date. "The best defense against pertussis continues to be vaccination," said the State health officer. "We recommend all Wisconsin residents check their vaccination status and schedule a visit to their healthcare providers if they have not yet been immunized against pertussis."

Source: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/News/PressReleases/2012/052212.htm>

30. *May 22, Providence Journal* – (Rhode Island) **Hospital shuts unit after mysterious odor returns.** Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, once again relocated patients from the Labor-Delivery-Recovery (LDR) unit after a mysterious sweet odor sickened a small number of employees May 22. A few employees felt dizzy and nauseated. Six patients and their families moved to the South Pavilion, an area for high-risk patients that is equipped for labor and delivery. The hospital will replace the air-handling system in the LDR unit. The odor was first noticed and the unit evacuated April 25. Fire and environmental experts ruled out carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and methane. After cleaning, the unit reopened April 30. There were no further problems until May 22. Only a few staffers can smell the odor.
Source: <http://news.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/2012/05/hospital-shuts.html>

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31. *May 23, CNN* – (Florida) **Rashes at Florida school result in lockdown.** A middle school in southern Florida was briefly placed on lockdown May 23 while a hazardous materials team responded to reports of rashes on four students and a teacher. The incident comes a week after another school in the district was also locked down after a series of rashes. In the May 23 incident at Lauderdale Lakes Middle School, the team did not find anything in the classroom where the rashes broke out, but the four affected students were taken to the hospital as a precaution, a Broward County School Board spokeswoman said. May 16, a similar incident occurred at McArthur High School, which is in the same district. A dozen students and two teachers were taken to the hospital but released shortly afterward. In that case, authorities concluded the rashes were not infectious. The high school was tested for 160 chemicals, mold, and mildew, but nothing was found, the spokeswoman said.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/23/us/florida-school-hazmat/index.html>
32. *May 23, KPRC 2 Houston* – (Texas; International) **‘Swatting’ believed to be behind Angleton High bomb threat.** The FBI said six people from another country used Skype to make bomb threats May 11 against Angleton High School in Angleton, Texas, KPRC 2 Houston reported May 23. Investigators call it “swatting” when someone re-routes a Skype call and provokes a SWAT team to respond. Officials are now carrying out their investigation overseas.
Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/-Swatting-believed-to-be-behind-Angleton-High-bomb-threat/-/1735978/13708826/-/14k44r8/-/index.html>
33. *May 22, Gilroy Dispatch* – (California) **Thief steals radio, causes bomb scare at Brownell.** Brownell Middle School in Gilroy, California, was evacuated May 22 after an unknown thief broke into a classroom, stole a radio, and transmitted bomb threats over the school’s radio frequency. Gilroy police conducted a sweep of the campus to ensure there were no explosive devices. The county bomb squad was notified and put on standby. Brownell filed a police report a few weeks ago after an unknown suspect broke into one of its classrooms and stole a radio. May 22 was the first time since the break in that school staff heard voice traffic coming in via the stolen radio. The

schools' resource officer was conducting a criminal investigation into the misuse of the radio and potential bomb threat, said a Gilroy police sergeant. All of Brownell's radios were collected as of May 22. Staff will be re-issued new radios on new frequencies, "so we won't have any more incidents," said Brownell's vice principal.

Source: http://www.gilroydispatch.com/news/crime_fire_courts/update-thief-steals-radio-causes-bomb-scare-at-brownell/article_0653810a-a43e-11e1-81b9-0019bb30f31a.html

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *May 23, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Broken security cameras alarm northeast side residents.** Several security cameras that monitor neighborhoods in Indianapolis were not working, and officials said it could be a while before they are fixed, WRTV 6 Indianapolis reported May 23. The city of Indianapolis put out bids for companies to install and maintain its network of security cameras. However, when the city could not afford the service, communities with high crime rates were left without police surveillance. Blackburn Terrace, one of the Indianapolis Housing Agency's most challenged residential communities, is the only one in the system with security cameras tied into the city's Homeland Security camera network. Since February 5, the city blocked officers from accessing the system on laptops. City officials said it could take up to 3 months to get the security cameras repaired.

Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/31099768/detail.html>

35. *May 23, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Man tied to FBI bomb threat deemed insane.** A Tulsa, Oklahoma man accused of threatening to kill several law enforcement officials and bomb the local FBI building was found not guilty by reason of insanity by a federal judge May 22. The suspect was suffering from a mental disorder at the time of his offenses that made him unable to appreciate the wrongfulness of his actions, according to a stipulation between the prosecution and defense accepted by a U.S. district judge. In a complaint originally sealed April 6, 2011 federal prosecutors also accused the man of threatening to kill a former Tulsa County judge and law enforcement officers, including Tulsa FBI agents and employees, a State trooper, and the Sand Springs police chief.

Source:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=14&articleid=20120523_14_A10_ATulsa457165

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Information Technology Sector

36. *May 23, The Register* – (International) **CompSci eggheads to map Android malware genome.** Mobile security researchers are teaming up to share samples and data on

malware targeting the Android platform. The Android Malware Genome Project, led by a computer science researcher at North Carolina State University, aims to boost collaboration in defending against the growing menace of mobile malware targeting smartphones from companies such as HTC and Samsung that are based on Google's mobile operating system platform. The North Carolina State team was the first to identify dozens of Android malware programs, including DroidKungFu and GingerMaster. The project is designed to facilitate the sharing of Android malware code between security researchers, along the same lines as the long-standing malware sample sharing projects already set up by Windows antivirus software developers. The project has already collected more than 1,200 pieces of Android malware.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/05/23/android_malware_genome_project/

37. *May 23, H Security* – (International) **Wireshark updates close DoS security holes.** Versions 1.6.8 and 1.4.13 of the open source Wireshark network protocol analyzer were released, fixing bugs and closing security holes. The maintenance and security updates to the cross-platform tool address three vulnerabilities that could be exploited by an attacker to cause a denial-of-service (DoS) condition. These include a memory allocation flaw in the DIAMETER dissector, infinite and large loops in eight other dissectors, and a memory alignment flaw when running on SPARC or Itanium processors. For an attack to be successful, an attacker must inject a malformed packet onto the wire or convince a victim to read a malformed packet trace file. Versions 1.4.0 to 1.4.12 and 1.6.0 to 1.6.7 are affected; upgrading to 1.4.13 or 1.6.8 corrects these problems.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Wireshark-updates-close-DoS-security-holes-1582717.html>

38. *May 23, Threatpost* – (International) **Anatomy of a LulzSec attack ‘singles out’ Web 2.0 weakness.** A new report analyzing a recent attack on a military dating site underscores the need for stronger safeguards on social networks. As part of its Hacker Intelligence Initiative, database and application security provider Imperva deconstructed a March attack by the hacker collective LulzSec on MilitarySingles.com. By bypassing simple checks and filters, the group was able to steal sensitive data, including passwords on more than 170,000 members of the dating site. The “reborn” group posted the attack on Pastebin March 26. The attackers took advantage of a vulnerable area in developing social applications: consumer-created content. In the case of MilitarySingles.com, attackers leveraged the picture upload functionality. Hackers also took advantage of the dating site's password management. Members' secret codes were hashed with a weak MD5 algorithm and no additional salting to thwart a dictionary attack.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/anatomy-lulzsec-attack-singles-out-web-20-weakness-052312

39. *May 22, Computerworld* – (International) **Windows Vista infection rates climb, says Microsoft.** Microsoft said the week of May 14 that a skew toward more exploits on Windows Vista can be attributed to the demise of support for the operating system's first service pack. Data from the company's newest security intelligence report showed that in the second half of 2011, Vista Service Pack 1 (SP1) was 17 percent more likely

to be infected by malware than Windows XP SP3, the final upgrade to the nearly 11-year-old operating system. That is counter to the usual trend, which holds that newer editions of Windows are more secure, and thus exploited at a lower rate, than older versions such as XP. Some editions of Windows 7, for example, boast an infection rate half that of XP. The director of Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing group attributed the rise of successful attacks on Vista SP1 to the edition's retirement from security support. Microsoft stopped delivering patches for Vista SP1 in July 2011. For the bulk of the reporting period, then, Vista SP2 users did not receive fixes to flaws, including some that were later exploited by criminals. Vista SP2 will continue to be patched until mid-April 2017.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9227384/Windows_Vista_infection_rates_climb_says_Microsoft

40. *May 22, CNET News* – (International) **Google will alert users to DNSChanger malware infection.** Google began to notify about half a million people their computers are infected with the DNSChanger malware. The effort, which began May 22, is designed to let those people know their Internet connections will stop working July 9, when temporary servers set up by the FBI to help DNSChanger victims are scheduled to be disconnected. “The warning will be at the top of the search results page for regular searches and image searches and news searches,” a Google security engineer said.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57439407-83/google-will-alert-users-to-dnschanger-malware-infection/

41. *May 22, TechSpot* – (International) **Blizzard: Battle.net account theft increase normal, hacking not issue.** Blizzard responded to the recent upswing of stolen Battle.net accounts since the release of Diablo III. Although critics might be tempted to blame Blizzard's security, the game company said every complaint it investigated led to a single conclusion: the thief had the user's password. Although the true origins of recent account intrusions remain uncertain, it is highly probable that phishing, untrustworthy third-party software, and poorly protected passwords led to unauthorized account access.

Source: <http://www.techspot.com/news/48703-blizzard-battlenet-account-theft-increase-normal-hacking-not-issue.html>

42. *May 22, Dark Reading* – (International) **Malware ‘licensing’ could stymie automated analysis.** The Flashback trojan, which started spreading in September 2011, consists of a number of components, including a downloader that infects systems and modules fetched from Internet hosts to add functionality to the trojan. Such a division of labor is standard for botnets and trojan downloaders. However, the attack tool's use of encryption to bind downloaded modules to the infected system — similar to how digital-rights-protected content is licensed and bound to a single playback device — is new. The problem for security firms and researchers is that encrypted malware makes automated malware analysis much harder, said a research scientist at the Georgia Institute of Technology's Information Security Center.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/client-security/240000843/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *May 23, WRC 4 Washington D.C.* – (Virginia) **Fire intentionally set at Kohl's store: Officials.** A fire was intentionally started in a Kohl's department store in the Herndon, Virginia area, May 22, fire investigators said. Fire and rescue units responded to the department store for a reported commercial structure fire. Firefighters found heavy smoke throughout the store when they arrived. They found a clothing rack on fire in the women's section of the store, authorities said. Sprinklers had activated and put out the majority of the fire. Fire officials believed the fire was set intentionally and were continuing to investigate.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47538406/ns/local_news-washington_dc/#.T70o7FIvDzB

44. *May 22, Santa Cruz Sentinel* – (California) **Gas leak closes Front Street for hours, prompts evacuations, leaves Palomar residents without service.** A natural gas leak in Santa Cruz, California, caused evacuations of shops and a museum, and left about 70 residents of the Palomar building without hot water and natural gas for 6 hours, May 22. The leak was discovered as contractors were refitting pipes. The crew momentarily left the job site and returned to find a man from the street leaning against the gas meters. The gas meter broke and the man ran off, authorities said. Firefighters evacuated the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce offices, and several other shops after employees reported a strong smell of gas. Police also closed Front Street from Cooper Street to Soquel Avenue. A PG&E crew responded and was able to close the leak. Businesses and Front Street reopened about 2.5 hours after the leak was reported.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_20681122/gas-leak-investigation-prompts-street-closure-building-evacuations

45. *May 21, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **6 suffer minor injuries in fire at apartment complex near Missouri State University.** Six people suffered minor injuries in a fire at an apartment complex near Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, May 21. The blaze damaged most of the 15-unit complex. KSPR 33 Springfield reported that four victims were taken to a Springfield hospital and two were treated at the scene. Officials said all of the injuries were minor.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/f682eb6f514742ac9ea2e720f0cf0a9d/MO--Apartment-Fire-Springfield/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

46. *May 23, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Hurricane wildfire burns 2,000 acres of southwestern Utah.** Firefighters were gaining the upper hand on a wind-driven wildfire that had scorched an estimated 2,000 acres of southwestern Utah's tinder-dry high desert. The fire, which began May 22, was burning in grass and sagebrush in hills that dot the area between Hurricane and Apple Valley. Nearby Highway 59 was closed for several hours as smoke billowed from the blaze, and flames were at one point moving toward homes in the Angel Heights and Rainbow Canyon areas in southeast Hurricane. However, winds shifted away from both the subdivision and highway, allowing traffic to resume and ending fears of a possible evacuation, public safety dispatchers said. "We're calling it 'human-caused,' but don't have specifics yet," a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) spokesman said. In all, about 160 firefighters — a mix of BLM, Forest Service, Hurricane city, and local volunteer crews — fought the blaze through the night and into the morning. About half that number remained on the fire by the next morning. Crews had about 60-70 percent of their containment lines constructed by May 23.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/54168603-78/fire-hurricane-wednesday-utah.html.csp>

47. *May 23, Reuters* – (Nevada; Southwest) **Fast-moving Nevada wildfire destroys seven homes.** A fast-moving wildfire burned down seven homes in Nevada, May 22, as winds fanned the flames, and firefighters battling a series of dangerous blazes in the Southwest in dry weather and strong winds made slow progress. Firefighters said another 100 homes were threatened from a new blaze that blackened 3,500 acres of brush and forest in Douglas County, near the California border. More than 200 firefighters battled the blaze with bulldozers on the ground and helicopters from the air. Blazes in rugged, mountainous areas of Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado have already forced the evacuation of several small towns and torched more than 70 square miles of forest, brush, and grass in May.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/23/us-usa-wildfires-idUSBRE84J00K20120523>

48. *May 22, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Hewlett Fire now 100 percent contained.** Firefighters brought a wildfire that had been burning in northern Colorado for more than a week under complete control May 22. The Hewlett Fire is now considered 100 percent contained after burning an estimated 7,685 acres in the Poudre Canyon, northwest of Fort Collins. Firefighters said a camper using an alcohol fueled camping stove caused the fire May 14. The U.S. Forest Service plans to seek restitution. The cost of fighting the fire has surpassed \$3 million. Dozens of homes were evacuated the week of May 14 as a precaution, but no structures were damaged by the fire.
Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/269046/222/Hewlett-Fire-now-100-percent-contained>

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Dams Sector

49. *May 23, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) **Flood fixes to help prevent flooding in Gulf Shores homes.** The City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, approved a \$18,750 contract for engineers to design a wider and deeper ditch on East 5th Street to handle stormwater and prevent future flooding of nearby neighborhoods, the Mobile Press-Register reported May 23. “It will be done very quickly because this is a high priority for the mayor and city council,” the city’s public works director said. The improved ditch will be able to handle storms that are equal to what have occurred in the past, officials said. The ditch will be widened and the sides and bottom will be lined with concrete block mats. Earlier in May a jury awarded \$833,000 to 24 Gulf Shores homeowners who had sued the city for personal property repair costs and emotional distress caused by flooding from as many as three major storms in 2005 and 2007. In early April, the city agreed to buy 18 houses in the east Gulf Shores neighborhood.
Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2012/05/flood_fixes_to_help_prevent_fl.html

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